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Professor Gail W. Lapidus

Dear Gail:

Yours is a tough act to follow! You and Seweryn clearly demonstrated that an integrated perspective is a most effective way of providing an overview and understanding of the foundations, processes and goals of the Soviet system. I only regret that I wasn't able to sit in more on what the students (and Dick and Jane) have said was an extraordinary seminar that provided a succinct and clear appreciation for Gorbachev's program, and the historical, cultural and systemic constraints to its realization.

The early returns are in the rave category, and Jane has promised to send you specific feedback from written critiques. We thank you, and look forward to your participation again in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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